GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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MORE POWERS TO STATE GOVTS. FOR MINING
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of giving approval to mining schemes to ensure revenue collection employment generation and development the Union Government propose to give power to the State Governments;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have sent proposal for mining;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a): Central Government has delegated powers to the State Governments for approving mining plans in respect of 29 notified non-metallic/industrial minerals(in case of open cast mines) through an officer or officers having the requisite educational qualifications, experience and pay scales prescribed under the Mineral Concession Rules,1960.

(b) to (e): As per information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM), a subordinate office under the Ministry of Mines, so far State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Sikkim, Haryana, Maharashtra and Nagaland have nominated officers to approve mining plans of 29 notified minerals (in case of open cast mines). No proposal from Uttar Pradesh has been received so far by IBM.